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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : MILI, TW
SUBJECT : ROC RESTRAINT IN TAIWAN STRAIT: LOROP
CAMERAS

REF: TAIPEI 4244

1. MOFA HAS KEPT US INFORMED ABOUT VARIOUS SNAGS IN PROVIDING US THE KIND OF ASSURANCE LETTER WE ASKED FOR ON JULY 5 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF LOROP CAMERAS (REFTEL). WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS WITHIN THE ROC ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ASSURANCES, WHICH THE ROC HAS GIVEN US A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST; RATHER, THE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN PROCEDURAL. THE ROC HAS NOW APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT THE LETTER, WHICH WE SHOULD RECEIVE ABOUT AUGUST 8, WILL BE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (ADMIRAL SOONG) AND NOT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY HAVE ALSO FINALLY WORKED OUT WORDING WHICH RESOLVES THEIR PROBLEM OF REFERRING TO "PRC TERRITORY" IN A FASHION WHICH DOES NOT COMPROMISE THEIR PRINCIPLES BUT SATISFIES OUR NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THE FIFTEEN MILE LIMIT IS FROM ALL PRC TERRITORY INCLUDING PRC-HELD ISLANDS.

2. COMMENT: FROM THE UNRUFFLED WAY IN WHICH A NUMBER OF
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OUR CONTACTS, INCLUDING ADMIRAL SOONG, HAVE REFERRED TO THE ASSURANCE LETTER, WE BELIEVE THAT MOFA'S EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURAL AND WORDING PROBLEMS IS ACCURATE. WE THINK THAT THE WORDING WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AND THAT IT WILL REPRESENT THE ROC'S GENUINE RECOGNITION THAT IT IS IN TAIPEI'S OWN INTEREST TO AVOID ACTIVITIES IN THE STRAIT WHICH RISK CONFRONTATION WITH THE PRC. UNGER

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